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Environmental Restoration

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Restoration Today Protects Readiness Tomorrow

• *Foreword* •

The Department of the Navy (DON) has more than 200 installations located throughout the United States. Many of these activities have operated continuously for fifty, one hundred, or even two hundred years. Our troops train on these lands and our personnel conduct operations that ensure our fleet remains the best naval warfighting organization in the world. It is imperative to the United States defense mission that we are able to continue using these lands so that our forces are prepared to respond to any conflict that arises.

One of the keys to ensuring continued use of these lands is building relationships with the communities near our installations. By fostering strong relationships, the communities trust our decisions and support our actions. One of the historic concerns within our neighboring communities is that, once we have completed our mission, we will abandon the land, leaving it contaminated and unusable. The Installation Restoration Program has had a tremendous impact in building trust and support for the Defense mission. Through the Installation Restoration Program, DON has proven our commitment to environmental stewardship. We proactively work with communities to ensure cleanups are timely, have community acceptance, and are protective of human health and the environment. At the end of FY97, 1,450 response actions at ER,N and BRAC sites were completed. At the end of FY02, 3,265 response actions had been completed. In just five years we have more than doubled the amount of response actions completed.

The Environmental Restoration Plan for FY 2003-2007 explains our vision, highlights recent initiatives, states accomplishments, and outlines future plans for the program. Chapter 5 includes quick-reference summaries for each installation. Additional information is available at *http://www.5yrplan.nfesc.navy.mil.*

As we move toward our goal of completing all restoration sites by 2014, the Installation Restoration Program remains committed to protecting human health and the environment, providing safe places for our military and civilian personnel to live and work, and remaining good neighbors. We welcome and encourage your interest in our ongoing cleanup projects.

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• *Comments* •

The Department of the Navy recognizes that cleaning up the nation's past hazardous waste disposal sites will impact many different segments of the Navy and Marine Corps, from the Remedial Project Managers working on installation investigations and remediations to the research laboratories developing new technologies to assist in the cleanup. We encourage all comments on the plan. Please mail your comments to the address below, submitting as many pages as necessary. Our goal is to make this plan user friendly and responsive to your needs. Your input is greatly appreciated.

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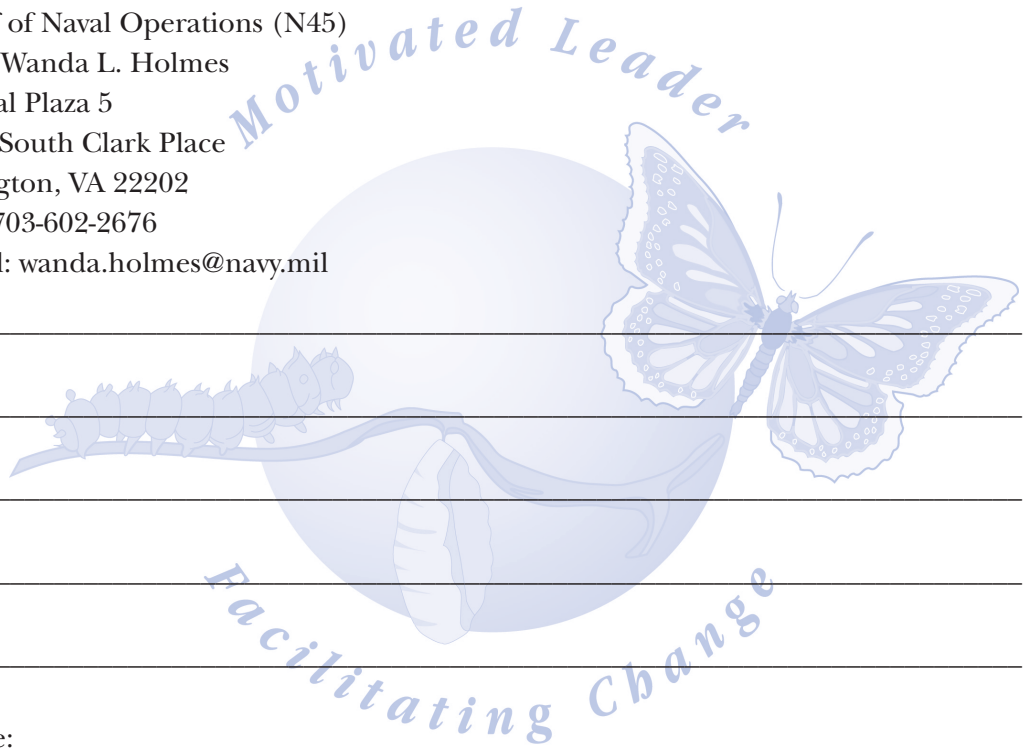

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